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Welcome to May

Happy dive season! Are you and your gear ready? We are! We already have a BU AOW class diving at Dutch Springs, a Rescue Class in progress and a full roster for our first certification weekend at Dutch Springs! 2010 dive season here we come! Our calendar is full of opportunities for you to grow your diving experiences and have many fun weekends.

I want to say Hail & Farewell to Steve Cirelli. Steve was always fun and brought a smile to all of us as he progressed from Open water diver to Divemaster. Steve has taken a new position in Ohio and sadly has to say Happy Diving to all of us. We all wish Steve the very best as he starts the net step in his non-diving career.

For those that couldn't make the Sea Hunt movie night you missed popcorn and a fun night of watching the old episodes of Sea Hunt and lots of laughs!

P.S. Did you know that if you are heading down to Dutch Springs for a day of diving you can sign your waivers and buy your pass on-line? This option will get you diving even faster! Did you know that Dutch Springs has season passes? Why not take advantage o the savings and commit to dive this summer.

Mach10 Mike

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News from the Dive Center

SeaCure Mouth Piece Safety Notice

SeaCure has become aware of a sizing problem with certain SeaCure Sport model mouthpieces and 3 regulators. The SeaCure Sport model has a yellow insert in the neck of the mouthpiece (not the removable attachment that comes with the newer Hi-Flow model) and was available in clear, blue and gray.

The SeaCure Sport mouthpieces do not properly fit these regulators, and would have to be stretched on, which could cause the yellow insert to dislodge.

Sport size I with a newer, larger orifice Atomic (Atomic orifice measures 1-7/16 x 13/16) Sport size II or Professional Sport II with a Cressi-sub Ellipse regulator Sport size II with a Zeagle regulator.

Stop using these SeaCure Sport mouthpieces immediately if you have any of the above combinations, and contact us for a free replacement Hi-Flow Custom Mouthpiece.

The full recall notice and contact information is on our website,

www.seacurel.com under the Product tab.

April Certifications

This will be the last month that this section will be so "light". We continue to have folks expand their knowledge and grow their diving skills. The following folks have earned certifications.

PADI Open Water Diver:

Janet H.

PADI Advanced Open Water Diver:

Nicole A., Ben B., Jeremiah D., Jeffery E., Matt G., Ian M., Natalie M., Kyle O. & Dan W.

Congratulations to one and all.

The Unknown Diver

Hello Divers,

Our Buddy "**Tug**" is wandering in the woods this month and has allowed me to fill this posting. Please indulge me while I share my thoughts.

I was talking to an associate about diving and showed them the **Blue Ocean Divers** web site. When we reviewed the staff I was amazed at the history of "**our**" PADI professionals.

Please read on. I completed my Instructor Development Course with five of the current instructors. Several of those I also trained with to complete a PADI Assistant Instructor certification. Additionally I was involved in several others Open Water Training. Some when they trained as Dive Masters. Most of the "**older**" instructors I served under as an A/I. Of the remaining staff, I have had the pleasure to dive with or participate in additional training; First Responder, A.E.D. Oxygen Provider, etc.

The point of this is not to brag on my history but to show the stability of Mike and Patty's staff at our favorite dive center. From my view **B.O.D.'s** staff has a proven level of competency, continuity, and commitment. Clearly my choice to entrust the safety and enjoyment of my family and friends as they are introduced to, or continue their education and equipment needs.

P.S. I would challenge **Mach 10** to add up the years of training his staff has accumulated under his tutelage. My guess is its pretty impressive. (*Mach10 here - I broke 2 calculators trying to accept Brent's challenge!*)

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As our buddy "Tug" would say...
Never Dive Over Your Head.
Brent M. PADI OWI 173205

Trivia Contest

Have you been checking out the Trivia questions on the website? I'm trying to make the questions more interesting and close to home. If you have been avoiding the trivia it's time to check it out. So all the answers for April are in the old dive hood and the name that popped out is Hannah Pooley. So Hannah, stop on down to Blue Ocean Divers and pick up your bottle of mask defog.

How's your supply of mask defog? Go to our website and answer the 2 Trivia questions. Upon submittal you will be told if you found the correct answers to the questions. Your chances in the drawing will be based on the number of questions you answered correctly. If you answer both questions correctly you will have 2 chances in the drawing. If you answer only one correctly you will get one chance in the drawing. Good luck to one and all.



Educational Opportunities

We have many opportunities for you to get a new buddy and advance your diving skills and knowledge.

Our next PADI Open Water course starts May 18th at 6:30 p.m.

PADI Drysuit Specialty May

Wreck Diver Specialty June

Check it all out on our [website](#).

Travel

Bonaire at Easter

😊 We had a very good time in Bonaire! The rooms were nice, the food was great and the diving was superb! The boat diving put us on the local wrecks and showed us sea horses and even a frog fish. We saw so many really cool critters we started to think they were being released from cages on a schedule. Tuesday morning, time to release the octopus... Thursday afternoon, time to release the frog fish.

Want to see all the fun you missed? Come to the Bonaire picture party May 8th from 4 - 5 p.m. And plan on joining us for our next trip!

Planning for a Summer of Diving

The wreck of the Islander (aka the Hospital Wreck) on the St. Lawrence River

The Islander is one of the most popular shore dives in Alexandria Bay. Easy parking, access, entry and support make this a delightful introduction to diving in the 1000 Islands. Located just downstream behind the Hospital at Alexandria Bay, it's easy to find. You will also generally find other divers there, so you can nearly always find a dive buddy, if you didn't bring your own. It's a popular site for Open Water and other dive certification classes.

The dive site is sponsored by Delta Divers of Rome, NY. Delta Divers maintains an underwater navigation course and underwater dive platform at the site. Weekends during the summer months parking can be at a premium

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so get there early and have a full day of fun. Hunt's Dive Shop has air and nitrox right at the dive site to support multiple dives. Many people consider this DIVE CENTRAL for diving the Thousand Islands.

There are actually at least 4 distinct dives you can do from the Islander. There is the Islander itself, a drift dive from Casino Island to the Islander, a trip to "The Wall" and a tour under "The Only Floating Restaurant" in the Thousand Islands.

The Islander was a wooden side wheel steamer built in Rochester, NY in 1871. 125 feet long, displacing 118 tons owned by the Folger Lines. She was tied to the Cornwall Building Dock near the Thousand Island House in Alexandria Bay, when she caught fire just after midnight and burned to the waterline on September 16, 1909. It was feared that the Thousand Island House and the nearby Marsden House would catch fire as well. The guests were woken, but fortunately the buildings were spared. The Islander was valued at \$50,000 at the time of her demise.

She lies mostly intact in depths from 35 to 50 feet with a mild current. She lies parallel to shore with her bow pointed upriver. Be aware that the current at this site is usually reverse of the way you would expect it, due to the eddy created by Casino Island and the speed of the current in the main channel which lies beyond the green buoy.

With years of being one of the most popular dive sites, she still turns up an occasional bottle or piece of china. Some of it is planted there for your entertainment, so please leave it for others to enjoy as well.

Just downstream from the wreck there is an obstacle course and underwater dive platform set up for dive training. A nice opportunity to test your skills and polish up your communications and other techniques.

As you continue your tour down river you will pass the pilings holding up what's left of Captain Thomson's old hotel. Shortly thereafter you will find the Captain Thomson's Floating Restaurant overhead. On the southwest corner of the floating hotel, you will find a camera on a pole. Do a favor for the nice folks sitting up in the bar, clean the lens and then smile and show them your pearly whites.

Watch your depth and your air at all times and determine the best time to turn around and go back to the Islander for your 3 minute safety stop and/or deco if you've been down long enough to require one. If you follow the contour of the shore and stay at 15-20 feet for the return, you'll likely not need to stop when you get back to the collapsed pier and the Islander.

Calendar

| Date | Activity |
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| April 30 | Staff Meeting |
| May 8 | Bonaire Picture Party - Come and see all the fun yo missed |
| May 16 | Rescue Class day at Dutch Springs |
| May 18 | PADI Open Water class starts |
| May 22 - 23 | PADI Open Water certification dives at Dutch Springs |
| May 31 | Memorial Day - Least we never forget |
| June 5 & 6 | PADI IE at Dutch Springs |
| June 26 - 27 | Dutch Springs Training Weekend |

Store Hours

Monday – Friday Noon until 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed